

**Vision System Evaluation & Improvement
Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2002
EMS Authority
1930 9th Street
Sacramento, California
10:00am – 3:00**

I. Introductions

Members Present: Steve Andriese, Larry Karsteadt, Bonnie Sinz, Craig Stroup, Gwen Jones, Melissa Frago, Bob O'Brien, Stephanie Rasmussen, Cathy Ord, Deidre Myles, Ed Armitage, and Charla Jensen
Non-Members Present: Miranda Swanson

The minutes from the last meeting were approved by consensus.

II. Report on the Fate of *Discovery Protection for EMS QI* Legislation

1. The process has been stalled because trial lawyers have struck the legislation down.
2. Gwen stated that EMSAAC supported the Discovery Protection, and would like to get some groups together to rally.

? **Letter from Finance Committee on Cost Indicators**

Steve read through the letter and gave it to Craig. This letter will be discussed later.

? **HIPPA**

This does not necessarily fall within the scope of Vision Group D, except in the implementation process. The committee members should take the information about the classes offered by HIPPA back to their organizations. Once the data is being collected, the group will need to see if it is HIPPA-compliant.

III. EMSA 101 & 103 Guidelines Revision Process

1. Larry discussed how the group was tasked with the revision process.
2. Much of the information in the Organization & Management section is duplicative of other sections.
3. Miranda would like comments by the end of September.
4. Larry and Craig would like comments from the committee by July 12 (Deidre and Cathy will assist Larry and Craig).
5. The QI Guidelines should reflect what is in the Standards & Guidelines (Miranda will take comments on linking the QI Guidelines and the Standards and Guidelines document).

IV. Status of *LEMSA Assessment* at the Governance Group

1. The LEMSA Assessment was sent to Chuck Baucom and Ron Blaul. In a letter to them, Steve suggested that they do four things:
 - Review the document to ensure that the process is clearly stated and ready for testing,
 - State EMSA Prevention 2000 funds should be utilized to recruit a consulting group to conduct a trial assessment of 2-3 EMSAs,
 - The revised document should be put through the Standards & Guidelines review process (put into the document as a guideline),
 - Following the approval by the EMS Commission, the final product should be included in the 160 section of the Standards & Guidelines.
2. This topic is an agenda item for the next Vision Leadership Team meeting, and more information will be revealed at that time.

V. Presentation of Revised *EMS Data Set*

1. Bonnie presented the Data Set comments. There were a few modifications made to the Data Set; then it was approved as a final draft for testing (this is the data set the programmers will use to build and beta test the CEMSIS program).
2. After the group approves the Data Set, testing will begin. When testing is completed, the data set and the indicators will go through the Guidelines process for review.
3. It was suggested that there should be some sort of guarantee that the data set will not become mandatory.
4. There was some concern about what the group will be involved with after the Vision process is over.

VI. Progress Report on *Proposed QI Guidelines*

1. The Proposed QI Guidelines draft was presented to the Ad Hoc committee on June 4.
2. The Paramedic Task Force is working on the Guidelines; they are looking for comment from Data, and any product will go through Vision group D.
3. The committee would like to review how the Paramedic Task Force ended up developing the QI Guidelines. Bonnie will send out the background on this process.
4. The QI Guidelines need to be more congruent with existing documents.
5. Vision Group D and the PTF will work together to develop the document. Deidre and Cathy will get the comments to Bonnie.
6. Comments are due by June 28, 2002.

VII. Progress Report & Timelines for *CEMSIS Development*

1. In July, DOIT will no longer be in existence.
2. Technical issues are being worked out with the vendor.
3. Data will be received by the Data Center, then EMSA will bring it here, manipulate the data and send it back to the Data Center for presentation.
4. It will use 256-bit encryption on data, and 128 on transmission.

VIII. Report on Presentations of the Data Set, Indicators and CEMSIS to Constituency Groups

? Indicators

1. The Indicators were posted on the EMSA web site; there were no comments (minimal changes).
2. The format seemed to confuse people because it was different than most people were used to seeing it.

? CEMSIS

1. CEMSIS is set-up so the LEMSAs can match their own data, then the state can match the data also.
2. Next year, PCR and CAD data will be able to match to hospital discharge, and later to ED data.
3. Data is not available specific to individual case outcomes
4. One will not be able to get diversion minutes (amount of time on diversion) but will know if a particular patient has been diverted. However, one will not be able to find out a patient has been diverted from hospital A to B, or time elapsed during that diversion.

IX. Future Meeting Dates

August 9, 2002 and October 18, 2002

? After the Vision Project

Bob O'Brien is drafting a written recommendation for the continuation of the System Evaluation and Improvement Committee after "Vision" is completed.

Assignments

1. The group should review Larry's guidelines
2. Deidre and Cathy will review the guidelines and compare them to Vision / NHTSA (to make sure they are inclusive)
3. Ed – In 2 to 3 weeks, process to testing CEMSIS and how it will occur
4. Bonnie – Update the Data Set on the web site, and send out QI Guidelines over the list-server. Comments are due by June 28, 2002
5. Bob – Draft recommendation
6. Craig & Bonnie – Add disclaimer on Data Set (the indicators are not done, but they are complete enough to begin testing)
7. Steve – System overview

